



## FEA ESSAY WRITING

### Contest Purpose

The purpose of the essay contest is to provide students with an opportunity to express their views on a current topic in education. The topic for the 2009 essay contest is as follows:

*Use FEA National Conference Essay Topic*

### Eligibility

- Limited to two student entries per school
- Entry form must be submitted
- Entrants grant the conference the right to use and publish the submission in print, online, or in any other media without compensation
- Entrants grant the FEA state organization the right to post photos of students for promotional purposes on the state FEA website

### Procedures

- Send in your essay on or before March 1, 2009 to:  
Gerry Corcoran  
Arizona Department of Education  
FEA State Director  
1535 W. Jefferson St. Bin # 42  
Phoenix, AZ 85007
- Late entries will not be accepted

### Guidelines

- Essays must range from 300 to 500 words. Every word of the essay is counted. This does not include the title or works cited.
- Essays must be single spaced with a double space between paragraphs and written in English.
- Contestants must cite all their sources of information by using MLA format for the Works Cited page. Examples follow for correct style when listing a book, an article, or an Internet source.

#### **Book**

Frye, Northrop. *Anatomy of Criticism: Four Essays*. Princeton: Princeton UP, 1957

#### **Newspaper article**

Crossette, Barbara. "India Lodges First Charges in Arms Scandal." *New York Times* 23 Jan. 1990, natl.ed: A4.

#### **Article in online newspaper**

Goldfarb, Zachary A. "Child Health Dilemma." *Washington Times* 31 Aug. 2003. 4 Sept. 2003 <http://www.washtimes.com/world/20030831-121939-8655r.htm>.

**Scoring**

- Adherence to guidelines
- Whether the essay is on the stated topic (essays not on the stated topic will not be judged)
- Whether the essay has a clear thesis, is on topic, has supporting details, and includes a conclusion that restates the thesis and gives the reader something to remember about the text.
- Whether the ideas expressed are meaningful and important.
- Whether the content is clear and convincing.
- Whether the essay includes elements of creativity.
- Whether correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure are used.

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**FEA****ESSAY WRITING APPLICATION****Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_**Advisor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Advisor's E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_**\*\* Attach your essay and submit by March 1, 2009**  
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